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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
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Washington, DC 20554
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Re: **Support** Free Broadband for All. Docket no. 7-16

Dear Mrs. Secretary,

As the Director of Environment Florida, a statewide, citizen-based advocacy organization that works to win real results for Florida's environment, I was encouraged to learn of a proposal that would provide free internet access to the public. The internet is an integral part of our organization as staff conducts research, disseminates reports and communicates with our member activists on a daily basis through online means. The proposal before you in Docket no. 7 - 16 would ensure that not only would our staff have free access to the internet, cutting down on scarce organizational resources, but that we would be able to reach a broader audience with our message of preserving Florida's fragile environment.

In addition, part of our mission at Environment Florida is to promote civic participation in local, state and federal government. Many of Florida's low-income citizens are disproportionately affected by pollution, toxic land dumps, and other environmental injustices. Broadening access to the internet for these citizens would enable them to stay in touch with their elected officials and current on environmental issues, so that they could speak out on these issues more effectively.

Finally, a free wireless network would enable more of Florida's employees to work from home, cutting down considerably on pollution from Florida's overcrowded highways.

I urge you to consider the benefits to our environment that would accompany a free wireless internet network.

Sincerely,

Mark Ferrulo
Director
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CC: FCC Chairman, Kevin Martin
FCC Commissioners: Copps, Adelstein, Tate, McDowell
Wireless Bureau Chief, Fred Campbell
U.S. Senator Bill Nelson
U.S. Senator Mel Martinez